

Re - Results-Based Accountability

This program has been evaluated by The Center for Social Research of the University of Hartford from its beginnings.



The Nurturing Families program is a results-based, research-based program.

Currently 13 sites are slated to be cut from the Governor's Budget- they must be re-instated.

Preserve NFN - Save Money

Home Visitation/Prevention costs \$3000 per family

DCF costs \$30,000 per family

700 families will lose services if the budget cuts go through

If 20% of these families commit child abuse, DCF intervention will cost our state \$4 million

Preserve NFN - Save Jobs

75 jobs will be lost immediately

25 more that receive partial funding will be destabilized as well as non-profit agencies & clinics

Countless more will be lost- parents with no support who may not go back to school and get jobs

Preserve NFN - Save Lives

The child abuse rate among high-risk populations is 20%

In the general population it is 11%

Last year in the NFN program it was 1.2%

Preserve NFN - Leverage Funds

The NFN Home Visiting program is the only CT program currently following a federally approved home visiting model to qualify for federal funds (\$11.2 mill. over 4 years) for the state. If this program is cut, CT may lose these funds and have to pay back \$800,000 already given.

The Nurturing Families Home Visiting program works. It prevents child abuse and neglect:

- At the right place- in the home, in communities already struggling against many odds like Hartford and New Haven;
- With the right people- first-time parents, who have been screened and assessed with histories of serious trauma and abuse making them high-risk for perpetrating abuse;
- At the right time- early- before damage is done, before a baby is shaken, before crying makes a parent snap, before the baby even turns 3 months old. And the program continues until the child turns 5- during the hidden years when most children are living behind closed doors- and in the case of these children, in situations of potential danger
- By the right mechanism- a trusted Home Visitor - someone who looks and speaks like the parents but who is a well-trained and closely supervised paraprofessional.